

ORDER NO. 78991

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF VERIZON MARYLAND, INC. FOR A DECLARATORY RULING AND FOR AN ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS.	* * * *	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND <hr/> CASE NO. 8914 <hr/>
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On September 17, 2002, the Public Service Commission of Maryland (“Commission”) issued Order No. 78031 in the above-captioned proceeding. On October 17, 2002, WorldCom, Inc. (“WorldCom”) filed a Motion for Clarification/Reconsideration (“Motion”) of Order No. 78031. Specifically, WorldCom requested that the Commission clarify that Order No. 78031 is not applicable to WorldCom, and as such WorldCom is not required to amend its Interconnection Agreement with Verizon Maryland, Inc. (“Verizon”).

On October 31, 2002, Verizon filed an Answer to WorldCom’s Motion and requested that the Commission deny WorldCom’s Motion. WorldCom filed a response to Verizon’s Answer on November 27, 2002. Subsequently, on April 21, 2003, the Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed comments pertaining to WorldCom’s Motion, and recommended that the Commission deny WorldCom’s request to clarify or reconsider Order No. 78031. WorldCom filed a reply to Staff’s comments on June 27, 2003.

On January 30, 2004, WorldCom filed a letter notifying the Commission that the disputed issues contained in its Motion have been settled with Verizon. Therefore, WorldCom opines that there remains no disputed matter in Case No. 8914 and withdraws

its Motion¹. In its letter, WorldCom also indicates that counsel for Verizon agrees that the Commission should grant the relief requested.

After considering this matter, the Commission dismisses with prejudice WorldCom's Motion for Clarification/Reconsideration of Order No. 78031. Furthermore, the Commission finds that there are no remaining issues requiring Commission resolution in this matter. Therefore the Commission directs that this docket be closed.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 26th day of February, in the year Two Thousand and Four, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That WorldCom, Inc.'s Motion for Clarification/Reconsideration of Order No. 78031 is dismissed with prejudice; and

(2) That the docket in this matter is closed.

By Direction of the Commission,

Donald P. Eveleth
Assistant Executive Secretary

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¹ The Commission will treat WorldCom's statement of withdrawal as a request to dismiss its October 17, 2002, Motion for Clarification/Reconsideration of Order No. 78031.